

Additional Exercise for the LNMB course CO1a
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Exercise E. Let $D = (V, A)$ be a directed graph, $s, t \in V$, and let $k = (k_a)_{a \in A}$ be real costs assigned to the arcs of D . Assume that every directed circuit C in D has a nonnegative cost, i.e., $\sum_{a \in C} k_a \geq 0$. Show that the zero flow is extreme; that is, if f is a $s - t$ flow with value 0 then the cost of f is nonnegative.

Hint: You may use the result of Exercise 4.15.